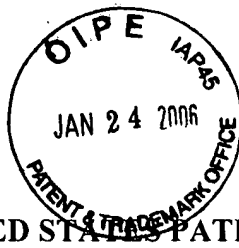


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 49745
Charles F. BRUCKER	:	Confirmation Number: 3407
Application No.: 10/689,057	:	Group Art Unit: 1753
Filed: October 21, 2003	:	Examiner: McDonald, Rodney Glenn
For: RAPID CYCLE TIME GAS BURSTER	:	

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

A Status Inquiry was filed in the referenced application on July 7, 2005. Since more than six (6) months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said Status Inquiry has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before March 8, 2004 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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